



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Iroquois

National Wildlife Refuge 2015-2016 Upland Small Game/ Other Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations and Permit

Iroquois NWR 2015-2016 Upland Small Game/Other Migratory Bird Hunt Permit

Valid for Upland Small Game/Other Migratory Bird Hunting Only

Name: _____

I have read and understand the regulations governing hunting on Iroquois NWR.

Hunter's
signature: _____

This permit **must be in your possession while hunting** and is **valid only when signed by the hunter**. The permit is valid for the duration of the Iroquois NWR upland small game/other migratory bird hunt season.

Date _____

Upland Small Game and Furbearers

The following upland small game species may be taken:

- Ringneck pheasant
- Ruffed grouse
- Cottontail rabbit
- Gray squirrel
- Coyote
- Raccoon
- Skunk
- Opossum
- Fox



Other Migratory Birds

The following other migratory bird species may be taken east of Sour Springs Road ONLY:

- Woodcock
- Snipe
- Rail



Hunters with Disabilities

Hunters with a state disabled hunting license or a Golden Access/America the Beautiful Access Pass may qualify for special accommodations and should contact the refuge office.

No Hunting Zone/Closed Area

Hunters are required to make a reasonable effort to retrieve wounded game. Permission must be obtained from refuge personnel to enter a "No Hunting Zone" or "Closed Area" for the purpose of tracking and/or retrieving legally taken game animals. No Hunting Zones include but are not limited to: immediate area around headquarters, refuge residences, the vicinity of the Iroquois Job Corps Center, Swallow Hollow Trail, Onondaga Trail (except during deer shotgun season), Kanyoo Trail and all areas around private residences, farm buildings or structures per state requirements.

Established in 1958, Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge is one of more than 560 national wildlife refuges in the United States and its territories. The National Wildlife Refuge System is a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management, and where appropriate, restoration of the fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans. Hunting is one of many necessary tools used to responsibly manage wildlife populations. Maintaining a balanced population by removing surplus animals ensures the overall health and viability of all wildlife populations that depend on the habitat this refuge provides.

The information below supplements the general regulations that govern the legal use of national wildlife refuges and their hunting programs as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. New York state laws and regulations also apply to hunting programs on the refuge.

General Hunting Regulations

The following regulation applies to all types of hunting on the refuge. By law, recreational activities on national wildlife refuges are prohibited unless expressly permitted. Hunting, fishing, and certain other recreational uses are permitted on designated areas of Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. Contact the Refuge Manager for current regulations and authorized activities.

To protect waterfowl and other migratory birds from potential lead poisoning, nontoxic shot is required for the shotgun hunting of all species except for deer and turkey.

Hunting Seasons

Upland small game/other migratory bird hunting is permitted between October 1 and the last day of February from sunrise to sunset. Night hunting is prohibited.

Vehicles

Vehicles are only allowed on established roads marked open for vehicular travel. Roads marked closed to all vehicles may be traveled on foot. Vehicles must be parked off of the lane of travel and clear of gates to allow emergency vehicle access. ATVs and snowmobiles are prohibited.

Boating

Only canoes and other boats without motors may be used on the refuge and only on Oak Orchard Creek from Knowlesville Road to Route 63. Expect obstructions and variable water levels.

Firearms

Firearms being transported in vehicles and boats during refuge hunts must be unloaded and dismantled (or cased). A loaded firearm is defined as having ammunition in the chamber or magazine. Muzzleloaders will be considered unloaded if the percussion cap is not seated in the chamber.

Other Regulations

Hunters must wear at least 400 square inches of solid fluorescent orange on head, chest, and back visible from 360 degrees during firearm deer seasons. (A hat and vest may fulfill this requirement).

Prohibited Activities

The distribution of bait, or hunting over a baited area, is prohibited.

Using illuminating devices, including automotive headlights, for the purpose of spotlighting game species is prohibited.

Camping, overnight parking, open fires and littering are prohibited.

No entry is permitted beyond "Closed Area" or "No Hunting Zone" signs. Weapons may not be discharged within, into, or across a "No Hunting Zone" or "Closed Area". Discharging a firearm from or across any refuge road is prohibited.

Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.

Hunters may not possess or use axes, hatchets, saws, nails, tacks, paint, or flagging for the marking of trees and shrubs.

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Hunt Map

